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Now pending before the Court are several applications pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g) for appointment of interim class counsel. After carefully considering the applications of the distinguished and experienced counsel, and the requirements of Rule 23(g)(1)(C), the Court concludes that two law firms can effectively represent the class, and that the law firms of Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy, Cohen and Millstein, Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.L.C. are "best able to represent the interests of the class." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g)(2)(B).

Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy ably represented a plaintiff class before this Court in a previous MDL antitrust consolidated class action. Moreover, the Court is not concerned that Cohen, Millstein has a conflict of interest; rather, the Court believes its involvement in and knowledge of related litigation will be an asset to the plaintiff class in this litigation. Finally, not all the class counsel law firms are from California; Cohen, Millstein has offices around the country.

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Class counsel shall meet and confer with defendants' counsel and submit a stipulation as to the filing of a consolidated amended complaint. In the meantime, if class counsel believe that it is appropriate for the Court to consider certain proposed settlements, they shall file a motion for approval in accordance with Civil Local Rule 7, keeping in mind the objections, including legal objections, that parties have previously raised.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 18, 2006

CHARLES R. BREYER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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